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FROM : U.S. Delegation SALT, GENEVA DATE: December 18, 1972

SUBJECT : SALT MemCon

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The attached SALT MemCon is to be reproduced and distributed in accordance with the memorandum to Mr. Miller, Deputy Executive Secretary, S/S, dated December 6, 1971 from Mr. Christopher, Special Assistant to the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

SMITH

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Smith-Semenov Memcon
December 14, 1972

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SESSION I
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
U.S. SALT DELEGATION
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

DATE: December 14, 1972
TIME: 7:00 - 7:15 p.m.
PLACE: USSR Mission, Geneva

SUBJECT: Smith-Semenov Private Conversation

PARTICIPANTS: US USSR

Ambassador Gerard C. Smith	Deputy Foreign Minister
Mr. William D. Krimer,	V.S. Semenov
Interpreter	Mr. A. V. Bratchikov,
	Interpreter

During reception at Soviet UN Mission Minister Semenov informed Ambassador Smith that he had received a communication to the following effect:

Semenov was now authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding as it had been initialed (the meaning must have been "as it had been agreed," rather than "initialed," although Semenov did use that word), on behalf of his Government. At the same time, he had also been authorized to initial the SCC Regulations as presently drafted, leaving the further details to the Commission itself.

Smith told Semenov that he was not yet in the same position, although he was in touch with his Government on this subject. Semenov remarked that in that case the information just communicated should be helpful to Smith in terms of obtaining authority from Washington. Smith said he would communicate this information to Washington by telephone immediately.

Smith asked Semenov for his views regarding the schedule of our work for next week. Semenov thought we might conclude on Friday, December 22nd. When Smith seemed to hesitate in signifying agreement, Semenov suggested that if Thursday the 21st would suit our convenience better, he would not object.

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Semenov also expressed the view that our relatively short session had been productive in terms of clarifying some of the respective positions of the two sides and Smith agreed.

Smith
Drafted by: WDKrimer:jc
December 15, 1972

Smith
Approved by: Ambassador Gerard C. Smith

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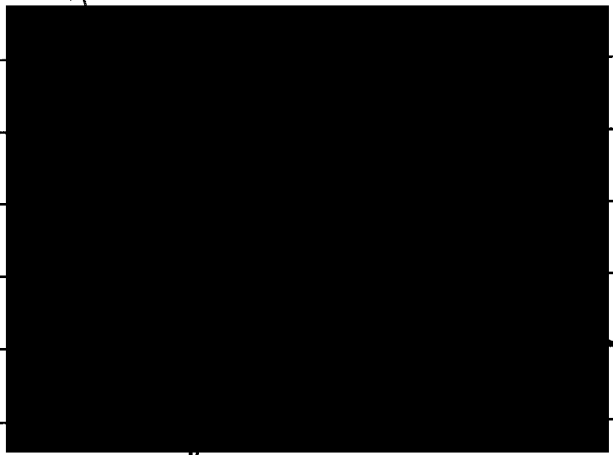
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